# SPECIAL AGENCY

### The Linked-in Stories Told by the Hotel Clerk, Lady Detect-

BY ELIZABETH RAYMOND.

CHAPTER V. THE LADY DETECTIVE CONTINUES HER

STORY The situation would obviously now my duty, clear and distinct, to secure the person of the adventuress whose share in this crime was so apparent to me. I could see that, whatever else had happened, the crime of murder had flowed out of it; that it had not formed part of the original plot. and that the secret of it was hidden in the logical train of incidents that connect the lesser with the greater offense.

Meanwhile my prisoner sat pale and stunned in her chair.

"Did you say Mr. Crawford was murdered." she gasped at length.

"Here is the dispatch," I replied, handing it to her.

She read it attentively several times

"But this is impossible! For what reason could this have been done? There was nothing in the house to steal; at least, nothing of value. Mrs. Wright told me all about the robbery. Her father came to New York to see her. Didn't you know that? Didn't you know that he was straining every nerve and exhausting every resource to give aid to her and her husband, making sacrifices of the utmost kind to give the prompt and needed relief to the

"How do you know this?" I asked, struck with the factor of probability in her words. "Why, I have just said that Mrs. Wright told me; but as you know so much, I will let you find out that of which you know so little. Go on and make this arrest at your peril.

"It is made," I replied doggedly, "and you must come with me to the Chief of Police.' "Delighted. I will get my gloves."

I walked with her down the hall to room No. 9. She took up her gloves and passed into the inside bedroom: I was wrapped in my own thoughts, and only looked after her to see that it was a dark room. From my abstraction I was aroused by a sharp click of the lock outside and rushing into the chamber I found it empty. A door leading into the hallway was locked outside and the door to the sitting room was also locked-I was trapped; I heard a mocking laugh down the hallway. I hastened to the window; it opened on to a small baleony, and quickly passing out of it I ran to a second window, which looked out from the corridor. It was unfastened, and my delay in following the woman was not more than 30 seconds, but it was too much. She had passed out of the ladies' entrance, flung herself into the only waiting cab and been driven around the corner of Chestant Street into a

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"Alas! I know that. I have followed your table of the control am one of those men. It is true that I have Am I just beginning to learn the way of "Why, yes; I have done that over and interest except those of family ties that my lifted even my own experience out of record. steps in New York. You lost nearly all of troubles because of that awful affair are purely the fruit of circumstances over rob yourself?" which I had no control.

I see how nearly I was to being hanged, not understand"and that nothing except the efforts of that Miss Barasworth saved me from going to the gallows an impocent man. She is a bright woman, and, though I do not like her profession, had it not been for her I would robbery; it is obscured by the subsequent to no one; I neither ate nor drank in any be a dead man and the mystery of the Crawford crimes had been accepted as solved by "Overbrook" one night, and waited in a the sacrifice of a victim-myself.

a business-not as a speculative enter- Storage House. You know how Miss prise; but I was not on that side of the line. Barasworth got trace of them and arrested I was in some clubs in Paris where they Miss Frazer. play for very high stakes and I won largely, but to win much you must also lose fre ment our agreement I found them waiting to ly, and there are cool heads held in those arrest me. It seemed to me at first that I places, and the smartest, coolest and most had merely to say what I had been doing, daring player will meet there his master and the facts would explain themselves, but sooner or later. He only has to await his that was far from the case. The facts on

sort of a life I had led; the prosecution wish- and proven it furnished a new link to the ing to present that I was fitted by experi- chain of irrefragible evidence with which I ence in all kind of minor evils to pass on with promptness if not alacrity to greater

When our affairs were at the last line, and my desperate condition was shown by Margaret Frazer, a Scotch girl of education, my career in Europe at the garaing tables. but with a mania for gambling, and who Then it was shown I had at Mr. Crawford's had at last been exiled from the Casino at request got an appointment, and that I had Monte Carlo, joined my family as maid, no means to go to the scene of my employ-She had a system, and I believed in it, but ment. It was further presented that my tried it in vain. Then she proposed that wife had yielded too willingly to my method we go to America and start there quietly, of life, and that it had thus smirche I, at least but in the best available circles, a gambling in the eyes of the prosecution and consorious house, whose profits we should bring later public, her own character and destroyed to Monte Carlo and wreck the bank.

It shows how deeply infatuated and sides that, the poor girl knew nothing of the blinded I was with gaming when I say whole matter except what I had told her I was ready and willing to do this, and we Mlle. Frazer was shown to be an adventuress came to New York for that purpose. It pure and simple who had fastened on to me was at this time my father-in-law, Mr. as a willing tool or a fellow-plotter. Crawford, came to see us. I told him in maid" in this history, what I intended to do. ing house until midnight or thereabouts

had in his gift certain offices of the Govern- murder, and brought to trial.

I will sell my museum—the gift I had promised to the city. I do not know how to withdraw it. How could I face my old friends. I must sacrifice my self-respect and preserve theirs. I will put the treasure on the market and let it be understood that I have been robbed. The sale of them must be conducted with secrecy. I have absolutely no other means of raising money to transport us to your field of duty nor to support myself when we arrive there. Your own pay will be needed for your wife of the self-respect the self-respect and preserve the self-respect and preserve the self-respect and preserve the self-respect and preserve theirs. I will put the treasure of the heirlooms had taken on faith their bona-fide quality, that had been the source of too much misery, and we were only too had to be free from it, and it found itself in the place Mr. Crawford had once proposed to be paste or eleverly-worked-up glass imitations did not serve me. The assumption was that there never had been any real ones, and that Mr. Crawford in "stolen goods" and returned to my wife. It had been the source of too much misery, and we were only too had to be free from it, and it found itself in the place Mr. Ctawford had once proposed to be shown that Mr. Crawford in "stolen goods" and returned to my wife. It had been the source of too much misery, and we were only too had to be free from it, and it found itself in the place Mr. Ctawford had once proposed to be shown that Mr. Crawford in sesumption was that there never had been any real ones, and that Mr. Crawford in "stolen goods" and returned to my wife. It had been the source of two much is glade. First Division, Second Corps, during and after the Gettysburg campaign. Comrade Hale was a lecturer with the different property, it was placed under the head of "stolen goods" and returned to my wife. It had been the source of two beats of the best of too much misery, and we were only too had to be free from it, and it found ifself in the place Mr. Ctawford had been the source of two beats of th ive, the Robber, and the Lover. Your own pay will be needed for your wife and yourself."

I confess I was horrified. I could not understand that he was in his right mind. He saw my feelings in my face.

"No, no, Arthur! Do not mistake me You know I have promised to leave the whole night should come I would enter that same collection to the city. Well, my boy, to cell a convict sentenced to death. your demands made through Amelia and should have to stand aside, but I felt it to be myself every jewel and rare piece of work the Special Agent entered. She was, and replaced each with a counterfeit. must be worth a few thousand dollars. I ing the details of her attire just as Dickens

estimony I saw the shadow of the gallows ooming up in the courtroom and claiming me for a victim. The next day the few witnesses I could secure for my defense were to be heard, and f was led back to my cell feeling certain that before the next

It was with such feelings as these that I to meet losses in speculations into which I paced the narrow limits of my prison, when taken up by the Police Department, and I have been betrayed, I have stolen from the door swung open and Jane Barnsworth noticed, dressed in her usually dashing There remains yet, however, a quantity of but rather attractive way, and I remember valuable metals, gold and silver, and these thinking as she stood there that I was not-



"SHE WAS DRIVEN AROUND THE CORNER OF CHESTNUT STREET INTO A THRONG OF VEHICLES."

ROBBERY OF "OVERBROOK."

necessary to enter into the details of the ticket, but i do not know its number; I spoke events, and I need only say that I wert to lane near the house with a hired trap to When I took my wife alroad we didn't which Mr. Crawford himself brought the have much morey, and I sat down to make property. It was in three large packages. a living at eards and the gaming table. I drove to a farmers' inn in the northern part There is no more certain way of getting of the city, slept there till morning, and the money than by gambling, if you gamble as next day I took the parcels to the Columbia

When I came to the hotel in pursuance of coming, and his patience will not be taxed, their face were the most condemnatory Well, it was all shown on my trial what possible, and as each one was presented

> was being bound. There was my appeal to my father-in-law for aid. Thus my necessities were revealed regard for her integrity as a witness. Be-

One fact alone was in my favor: I was the presence of my wife and Margaret known to have gone to New York on the Frazer, the girl known as the "French night of the murder, and had been in a gam-

ment abroad. He was the Godfather of my wife and the intimate friend of her father from his youth. The matter was soon arranged—I was to go to the East as a receiving agent for stores for the military operations in the Philippines, and to start at ome. Then occurred the conversation with Mr. Crawford had disposed of the jewels, and where he had found a composed of the jewels, a

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member me, it appears. I had a return public house; I saw no one; I avoided being observed, fearing some old acquaintance might see and recognize me."

"Yes, I know this; but do you remember giving to Mr. Crawford in the early days of your visits to the house before your marriage a sacrificial knife with a hieroglyphic inscription?"

"Why, yes, I do. I picked it up at Zanzi tar years ago when visiting my cousin who was Consul there. It was a curious knife.

and I gave it to Mr. Crawford to add to his Comrade Elliott was one of the oldest bar years ago when visiting my cousin who

have found it. I found it in the possession of a notorious receiver of stolen goods. Its he had been engaged in the undertaking point was nearly broken off, and on searching the house carefully I found the broken

"Why, yes; of course-but they will say it was I who took the knife."

ordeal. Mrs. Crawford's reason did not survive the terrible shock of her husband's death. All the tragic events were obliterated from her mind, and she became as a little child. We intended taking her with us to our new home, but three days before we were to sail she died, and we laid her body beside that of her murdered husband.

The mail ship of to-day brings letters and pictures from Jane. The pictures are outdoor views of the old house at "Overbrook. It looks very cheerful and prosperous Jane, in one of them showing the shaded piazza, dressed something flashily, is sitting on the steps holding a baby, which a prim nurse has just placed in her arms.

In a comfortable chair is seated be mother, quite old now, I should think, but very erect and reading without glasses. In a hammock is Jane's red-haired husband, a tall fellow, who smokes a cigar, in an obviously contented mood.

That is Charlie, the hotel clerk, the hus band to the lady whose management of the Special Agency has given her returns enough to buy the old homestead.

I reckon she's happy. She says so, and also adds she is busy. The old sacrificial knife, I have heard, hangs in her private office in town, locked up in a case and behind a plate-glass door.

(The end.)

MUSTERED OUT.

BACON.—At Niles, Mich., Col. David Bacon, aged 71. Col. Bacon served in the 19th Mich., and was a well-known Michigan lawyer. He also served as Captain of Co. K, 6th Mich., and while with that regi-K, 6th Mich., and while with that regiment was severely wounded.

BATHGATE.—At Lemont, Pa., J. C. Bathgate, Co. D, 148th Pa. Comrade Bathgate was a member of Capt. Robt. M. Foster Post, 197, and at a recent meeting Comrades Isaac Armstrong, Hiram Thompson, and E. P. Tate were appointed a committee to draft resolutions of sympathy, which were adopted by the Post.

BINEAR.—At Garrett, ind., I. G. Binear, Co. G, 19th Ohio, aged 5.9.

BOND.—At Fitchburg, Mass., Maj. Nelson F. Bond, 31st Mass. Maj. Bond was shot through the right lung at the

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BOVARD.—At :Newberg, Orc., Charles Bovard, Co. G, 11th Pa. V. R. C., and Co. L, 14th Pa. Cav. Comrade Bovard served nearly three years, and was discharged by reason of wounds! He had been almost entirely helpless for several years, but continued to live alone. He was found sitting in his chair insensible, and died

soon after. Her was drawing \$17 pe month pension. He is a standing \$17 per month pension. He is CLARK.—At St. John, Mo., A. C. Clark, Co. L. 7th Mo. Gav. Hand a member of Mansfield Post, 181, agged 66. Comrade Clark enlisted in 1861, and served until

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A THRONG OF VEHICLES."

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CLARY.—At Blinkow, N. H., David counting the squares and colors of the rag carpet on which he sat—even while the sat—even while he sat—for interest of the next few hours filled his soul with unspeakable anguish.

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W. W. Cooke Post, 472, Department of New York, Hamilton, Ontario, of which the deceased was an honored member, conducted the funeral services.

DAY.—At Ahtanum, Wash., W. H. Day, 6th Pa. Cav. Comrade Day leaves a

widow.

DOLPH.—At Rock Creek, O., Osman A. Dolph, Battery C, 1st Ohio L. A. He enlisted under Capt. Kinney among the first three years men, and served through the war. He received injuries which finally resulted in his death. Comrade Dolph was an active G.A.R. man, and was a charter member of Harvey J. Covell Post. 546, serving as Commander four Post, 546, serving as Commander four terms. He leaves a widew and two chil-

and I gave it to Mr. Crawford to add to his collection. Herefused to place it there, because he wanted the originals kept separately. Oh, yes, I remember it."

"Well, Mr. Wright, I knew that knife, too. Many a grewsome fancy I used to have of it. Your wife knows it, too, and scores of others have known it and will identify it."

"But what of this," I cried. "What has it to do with the murder?"

"Well!" said this cool young woman, "I have found it. I found it in the possession in the city, having been established since 1857. He was a charter member of McCoy Post, and a prominent Knight of Pythias. He leaves a widow.

EWALT.—At Bakerstown, Pa. George three years, and took part in the many severe battles of his regiment. A widow and eight children survive him.

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ing the house carefully I found the broken piece. It was in the drawer of the old secretary in Mr. Crawford's room, where it had been used in an attempt to break the lock. Here it is—and here is the knife."

"Yes, yes; but what does this mean?"

"It means that on its discovery I found the missing jewels in the receiver's house. He has confessed that he bought them. Now, as the knife was known to hang on the wall on the day Mr. Crawford said he had been robbed, you will see that this man or his agents must have been in the 'Overbrook' house between the hours on the 17th of August when the robbery was announced and the murder was discovered."

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FULLER.—At Urbana, O., Sept. 1
James J. Fuller, Co. 1, 147th Ohio, aged 76. Interment at Casstown, his forme

maid" in this history, what I intended todo. His history, what I intended todo. His honor was unbounded, and he begged and pleaded with me not to do this thing.

"HI secure you honorable and remunerative employment," he urged, "will you forego this last distract to yourself and me, this shame to your wife and my daughter?" At that moment the depth of my condition was shown to me, and I answered, earnestly and repentantly, "Yes."

MR. WRIGHT SECURES AN APPOINT
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HENDERSHOT .- At Fort Smith, Ark Henry C. Hendershot, Co. I, 12th Ohio Cav. Comrade Hendershot was granted a pension in 1893, which later was reduced to \$6 per month. Since three years ago he has been trying to get his pension re-stored, but had been unsuccessful. He leaves a widow and child in destitute

circumstances.

HOPKINS.—At Vancouver, Wash.,
F. W. Hopkins, Co. K. 16th Wis. Comrade Hopkins was drummer-boy of the 16th

Magazines and Notes.

Bishop Potter will contribute an important article on the Charity Question to the October number of Appleton's Popular Science Mouthly. He points out the de-grading and demoralizing effect of receiving alms, and emphasizes this dar gerous feature of charitable work by a number of instances which have occurred in connec

tion with his own church work.

McClure's Magazine for September opens with a poem on the Dreyfus affair by Edstullify ourselves. win Markham, which proves that the mark reached by Mr. Markham in "The Man With the Hoe" was not beyond his reaching

The most striking feature of The Century for September, which will be a Salt-Water Number, is the first instalment of Capt, Joshua Slocum's "Sailing Alone Around the World." This is the narrative of a daring voyage of circumnavigation, under-taken by the author in 1895, in a 40-foot sloop built by himself in Buzzard's Bay, and taken back and forth across the At-lautic and thence around Cape Horn and the Cape of Good Hope, without assistance

or companionship.

The O'Connor Irish-American stories in Scribner's have attracted a great deal of attention. Another one, entitled "The Royal intent" will appear in the October

"The Art of Buying Food for a Family," by Mary Graham, is an able paper in the September Cosmopolitan on the very practi-cal subject of purveying for a household. The writer shows just where the average housekeeper is wasteful, and tells many things that will enable a purveyor to supply her family with variety in food at less cost than that with which she now endeavors to maintain a household with a too frequent accompaniment of complaint and criticism. The leading article in the Overland for September is "Greater California and the Trade of the Orient."

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The North American Review for September republishes Col. ingersoll's "The Agnostic's Side," with an article on "Ingersoll's influence," by Rev. H. M. Field.

The Outlook. Published at 287 Fourth Avenue, New York.

The American Journal of Sociology.
Published by the University of Chicago Press, Chicago, Ill.

Press, Chicago, Ili.
The American Antiquarian. Published at Chicago, Ill.

> Not Clear. Brooklyn Life.

now, wuther you vote early'n offen, or wuther you pray only once er year.

Americans can not give England even Political association Americans can not give England even moral support in this wrongdoing. Such a course for the United States would be National suicide. And our fellow-countrymen, without regard to party, will soon awaken to this truth. Besides this, England has no right to interfere with the autonomy of the Soath African Republic. The "suzerainty" claimed by England relates at the utmost only to dealings between that Republic and foreign powers.

The only words relating to suzerainty

To bring the Order into politics, or politics into the Order, is not only a violation of the constitution, but a breach of faith with those of us who joined in the belief that the influence of the Order would not be used for partisan purposes.—Daniel J. Cosgro, Captain, Camp 4, Sons of Veterans, Cohoes, Division of New York.

Maj. Cope's Whereabouts.

Editor National Tribune: I read The only words relating to suzerainty in the treaty of 1884 between England and the Boers are: "Article 4. The South

other than the Orange Free State, nor with any native tribe to the eastward or west-ward of the Republic until the same has been approved by Her Malesty, the Queen." The word suzerainty does not occur in it, but was abrogated with the treaty of 1881. No possible "Anglo-American alliance"

African Republic will conclude no treaty or engagement with any State or Nation other than the Orange Free State, nor with

England and the Boers.

"Blood is thicker than water," and these South African Rep. blicans are of the same blood with the New York and New Jersey Americans of Holland and of Dutch-Huguenot descent, who fought England in the American Revolution, and again in 1812, when England still claimed a suz-erainty right to search American vessels. Mountains of gold and oceans of dia monds can not save our country from the ultimate consequence of upholding English rapacity for present gain.—GEO. W. VAN SICLEN, New York City, N. Y.

European Pensions.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: If my memory serves me right, I saw in your paper a statement to the effect that the European nations cared better for their aged and invalid ex-soldiers than our Na aged and invalid ex-soldiers than our Na-tion of the soldiers of the rebellion. Please answer through your paper whether I am correct, and if so, about what they are doing for their ex-soldiers.—JAS. E. CHANDLER,

Scranton, Pa.

[In Germany the civil service is strictly limited to those who have served in the army or navy. As a rule, no one gets employment in any Government place except discharged soldiers or soldiers' widows. This extends to the railroads, which are owned and run by the State. Even the watchers at the crossings must be veterans or veterans' widows. This is part of the general pension system. It is very much the same in France. The Government has certain monopolies—tobacco, matches, etc., and licenses for the sale of these is given to old soldiers and soldiers' widows. It is

Coldwater—My friends, I vote as I pray.

Bibbler (on the front seat)—Deacon, onfesshun's good f'r the soul. Tell us of the Division of Maryland at their recent of the Division of Maryland at their r

who constitute the Executive branch of EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: There is a point timt is carefully concealed from Americans in England's claims against the Boers. England demands that the South African Republic grant to Utilanders (foreigners) naturalization and the right to vote, without their forswearing allegiance to their foreign Governments. Of course, soon after being naturalized they will vote to become part of the British Empire, and as they already outnumber the Boers three to one, the whole thing is a farce.

The short of the Governments of the Order says: "It shall be the special duty of the Commandery-in-Chief to see that the Order fully maintains, for all coming time and in all respects, its claims of being a strictly non-sectarian and non-political association."

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EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: I read with much interest the story of Augustus C. Buell of an incident in the career of Maj. Emmor B. Cope, of Gen. Warren's staff. The writer closes with the intimation that he does not know whether Maj. Cope still

The gallant Major enlisted from this town as a private in Co. A, 1st Pa. Reserve Corps. He is at present Engineer in charge of the work of faying out, improving and caring for the Gettysburg battlefield. He is the same unassuming, quiet gentleman Mr. Buell describes, and when the latter goes to the National Encampment and then visits Gettysburg, there he will find the Major,-WM. W. HEED, West Chester, Pa.

French Railway Fares. Baltimore Sun.

Baltimore Sun:

The Railway World illustrates the high cost of travel in France, where the Government owns most of the railways. The price of a first class ticket from Mentone to Paris was \$25, and for sleeping or accommodations the extra charge was \$17.40 for one right's journey from 6 p. m. to 11 a. m., making over \$42. The time was 17 hours. A journey of that length in 43 United States costs but \$15 of \$16, including a berth in a sleeping car. To the ing a berth in a alceping car. To the extra cost is to be added the unaccommodating spirit of the railway hands on lines which have no competition to fear

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